

The Fifth Chapter of Daniel.

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THE FALSE-SELF, AS RULER OF THE BEING,
 GAVE SATIATION TO THE FACULTIES,
 AND DREW AN ESSENCE OF CONSCIOUSNESS
 THROUGH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE SENSES.

The False-Self, seizing the essence of being,
 Demanded the untempered and unsullied potentialities
 Which its predecessor, the Self,
 Had taken from the seat of consciousness;

That the False-Self and its faculties,
 Its dignities in substance,
 Its activity in being,
 Might be expressed therethrough.

To the False-Self were yielded the untempered potentialities
 Taken from the sinus of the divine spark in the head;
 And the False-Self, its faculties, dignities and activities,
 Were expressed through the essence of being.

These extracted the essence in consciousness;
 And through sensation knew the divine power
 In the ecstasies of the sun and moon,
 Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Saturn.

In this mood came an attenuation of expression in super-ecstasy,
 Which carried the experience to the spark within,
 Etching the understanding upon the ethers of memory,
 And the False-Self was aware of this attenuation.

Then was the self-sufficiency of the False-Self dimmed,
 And its consciousness confused within its being.
 The reservoir of physical power was emptied,
 And all being throbbed with the sensation of ecstasy.

The False-Self openly summoned
 Signs and portents and hidden knowledge,
 And said: "Whatever shall explain the attenuation
 And show me the purpose thereof,
 Shall be obeyed by me and held in consciousness
 To become a third power in this being."

Then came into consciousness all hidden knowledge,
 Which could not explain the ecstasy nor the purpose;
 Yet was the False-Self ecstatic,
 Its self-sufficiency dimmed and its faculties confused.

Now the seed-atom of the emotional vehicle,
 Awakened by the expression of the False-Self and its faculties,
 Came into the consciousness and spake and said:
 "False-Self, in thy eternal aspect fear not,
 Nor let thy self-sufficiency be dimmed."

"There is a principle in thy realm
 In whom is the spirit of the divine spark;
 And in the cycles of thy father light and understanding,
 And wisdom like the divine were found in him."

"And the Self, thy father; O False-Self, made him
 Master of signs, portents, influences and hidden knowledge;
 Forasmuch as divine sympathy, wisdom and intuition,
 Interpretation of vision and arcana,
 Transformation of fears were found in this same Judgment,
 Whom the Self constituted God-presence.
 Now let Judgment be called and he will explain the ecstasy."

Then was Judgment called before the False-Self,
 Who spake and said unto Judgment:
 "Art thou that Judgment incarnate in experience,
 Whom the Self, my father, called out of innermost being?"

"I have heard of thee, that the divine spark,
 And light, understanding and inner wisdom dwell in thee;
 And now hidden knowledge and portents have come to me;
 That they should know this sensation and interpret it,
 Yet they cannot make known to me the understanding thereof."

"But I have heard of thee, that thou
 Canst give interpretations and transmute fears;
 And now if thou canst know the sensation and interpret it,
 Thou shalt be obeyed by me and held in consciousness
 To be a third ruler in this being."

Then Judgment answered and said before the False-Self:
 "Let my gifts be to thyself and thy rewards to another;
 Nevertheless I will accept the sensation of the False-Self,
 And make known the understanding thereof."

"O thou False-Self; the inner spark gave to the Self, thy father,
 The realm, co-ordination, illumination and self-control;
 And because of that co-ordination all the parts of being,
 Associations and expressions deferred to the Self."

"What it would it destroyed and what it would it sustained,
 And what it would it exalted or else put out of being;
 But when separation was complete,
 And the spark within encysted in the consciousness of the Self,
 The Self was shorn of power in its realm,
 And its divinely human state was taken from it.
 It plunged within the passions of sense,
 And dwelt without control of its acts."

"It lived to learn discretion of appetite,
 And yielded to dissolute living,
 Until the Self learned that the inner spark rules,
 And gives the kingdom of man where it wills."

"AND THOU, O FALSE-SELF,
 FOR THIS PURPOSE ART SPRUNG FROM THE SELF:
 AND THOU HAST NOT KEPT THY IMPULSES PURE,
 THOUGH THOU KNEWEST ALL THESE THINGS!"

"Thou has exalted thyself above normal being,
 And the Hierarchs have given thee unsullied potentialities,
 And thou and thy faculties, thy dignities and activities,
 Have expressed thyself through the essence of this being."

"And thou hast sought the ecstasy of sun and moon,
 Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Saturn,
 Which have no sense of faculty in being;
 And the inner spark in whose expression thy being is,
 And for whose growth thou alone existeth,
 Thou hast given no expression through thee."

"Due to the attenuation in expression of the inner spark,
 Was the ecstasy of orgasm which halted thee;
 And upon the ethers of memory was inscribed:
 'Numbered, numbered, weighed, and divisions.'

"THIS IS THE INTERPRETATION OF THE PHENOMENON!

"Numbered: the inner spark has been drawn into thy realm;
 Numbered: and thy rule is brought to an end;
 Weighed: thou hast been subjected to fire and burned out;
 Divisions: thy rule is divided between the two lower realms."

Then the False-Self obeyed Judgment and held Judgment in consciousness,
 And Judgment was made third ruler of the realm;
 But in this surrender the False-Self lost the realm of being,
 And the Shadow-Self received the focal consciousness.

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THE EPISODE OF DEGENERACY

And the Shadow-Self of the habit nature
 Received the focal consciousness:
 And this was the third cycle of individuality.

THE SHADOW-SELF CRYSTALLIZED THE BEING
 IN GEOMETRIC RESPONSE TO THE FORCES OF MANIFESTATION.

Twelve reasonings were established
 Over the twelve houses of the whole being,
 And three action-determinators over these,
 Of whom Judgment was one:
 So that the quadratures might work through the triplicities,
 And the Shadow-Self thus share all experience.

Then this Judgment was distinguished
 Over the action-determinators and the reasonings;
 And the Shadow-Self thought to set him over the whole being,
 As ruler of the angles.

Then the action-determinators and reasonings
 Souhgt to find occasion against Judgment
 In matters concerning the being;
 But they could find no occasion nor fault
 Forasmuch as Judgment was faithful;
 Neither was error or fault found in him.

THEN SAID THESE LOWER PROMPTINGS:
 "WE SHALL NOT FIND ANY OCCASION AGAINST JUDGMENT
 EXCEPT WE FIND IT IN HIM CONCERNING THE LAW OF HIS CYCLE!"

Then these action-determinators and reasonings
 Intruded into the consciousness of the Shadow-Self,
 And said thus to the Shadow-Self:
 "O Shadow-Self, thine is the power!

"All the action-determinators, desires and reasonings,
 The senses and the purposes have counseled together
 To establish a royal statute and to make a strong interdict,
 That whosoever for a season shall give power
 To any cycle but to thee, O Shado-Self,
 Shall be delivered to the passion-elementals!"

Wherefore the Shadow-Self signed the writing and the interdict;
 And when Judgment knew the writing was signed
 He withdrew within his understanding;
 (Now his source was the highest inner spark)
 And he sought the inner guidance on every point,
 And in aspiration gave power to the inner spark,
 As he had always done.

THEN THE LOWER PROMPTINGS INTRUDED INTO THE BEING,
 AND FOUND JUDGMENT YIELDING POWER TO HIS OWN HIGHER CYCLE.